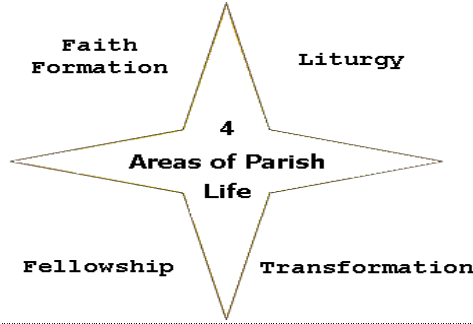




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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 25 – 26, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 30 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 1 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Alma Miller by John Miller
Sunday	Apr. 2 nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Kay Lemieux by The Community Joe Doherty by Mary & Family Nan Sicard by The Family Alma Miller by Margaret Farnand & Family
Tuesday	Apr. 4 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
Wednesday	Apr. 12 th	St. Joseph Cathedral	Chrism Mass

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar. 18 - Mar. 19, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$484.00	\$260.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – March 2017

“So that the particular contributions of women is recognized in the different spheres of society.”

Social Reflection: International Women’s Day was established by the United Nations in 1977. Its goal was, and remains, to reflect on the condition of women throughout the world, and to fight against social inequalities. Sadly violence against women is still too prevalent in our societies, and many inequalities and preconceived notions are still circulating, even in the 21st century. Will we, one day, have justice for all?

Questioning ourselves Sunday, March 26, 2017: In the Southern hemisphere women are at the heart of many changes. I seek information on the campaigns, led by Development and Peace. My donation can change the lives in the communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Far East.

ARCHBISHOP DUROCHER'S TRIP TO ROME

From April 23 to May 15, Archbishop Durocher will be in Rome with all the Bishops of Quebec for the *ad limina* visit. This visit allows all Quebec bishops to perpetuate a tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages: that of meeting the Pope periodically to talk with him about their ministry. In addition to this private audience – the highlight of the visit – the bishops will tour the various departments of the Roman Curia to discuss the reality of the Church in Quebec and to learn about the universal perspective. Finally, as a sign of continuity with the apostles whose ministry they perpetuate in the Church, the bishops will celebrate the Eucharist on the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul. The last *ad limina* visit of Canadian bishops dates back to 2007.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. In the first reading, we are presented with the story of choice of a successor to King Saul. The Prophet Samuel is sent to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his eight sons as the future king. Impressed by the eldest son and his built, the prophet had no doubt about him being the choice - but no. After presenting seven of his sons Jesse has no idea that his youngest son David, in the hill tending the flock, might be the suitable one. The seven brothers are strong, handsome, capable, intelligent and yet none of them is God's choice.

We too may be astonished at the way God does certain things. But why does He behave that way? The reason is clear: whenever God has to choose someone for a great mission He seems to take pleasure at upsetting all the logical rules of common sense.

God in setting the course for human salvation chose the Israelites, the small and weak, instead of the more powerful and highly religious Egyptians and scientifically advanced Babylonians (Deut.7:7-8). He also chose Gideon from the weak clan of Manasseh (Jdg 6:5). So here, in this story, the Lord sees in David something more than meets the eye. The young shepherd boy, David, is God's eccentric choice for the future king. Jesus does the same: He chooses the small ones, the sinners, the poor, the shepherds and the ones who are despised and gives them the first places at the banquet of the kingdom. Why God does not look at things and people through human eyes; man looks at appearances, the Lord looks at the heart. If we listen to the voice of the Lord and accept it in faith, then we learn to look at the world and humankind through the eyes of God.

In the Gospel we also see another example of God's choice, one that amazes the religious leaders of the day. A beggar becomes a 'teacher' for them on the person of Jesus. The evangelist carefully tells us how a blind beggar comes to see the light in Jesus, both physically and spiritually. Despite their doubts, the man who has become new, thanks to his encounter with Jesus, becomes the one that displays the work of God and points to who Jesus really is. They drive him away but Jesus seeks him out and reveals Himself to him. The man, though rejected, is the only person in the community to see Jesus as the Son of God.

Brothers and sisters, both the story of David and the story of the blind man speak of God's choices. God sees the heart and so chooses differently from the way that we do. God does not choose based on appearances. He sees the real - despite our appearances, God has chosen us to display his works. By virtue of our baptism, we have been chosen to point to Jesus by the witness of our lives as Christians. To many people, including ourselves, we may seem an unlikely choice. Our greatness lies in the fact that we have been chosen, not in ourselves alone. We are still a work in God's hands. We are not a "finished product" yet. Allowing God to work in us, we can keep alive the story of God's eccentric choices! Happy Sunday!

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrews United Church presents "A Night in The Tropics" featuring Eddie Alleyne on Steel Drums, Saturday, April 1st at 7 pm. **Tickets adults - \$10, kids 12 and under free.** Prize will be awarded for the best tropical shirt. Monies raised will go towards roof renovations. For tickets call Stacey 819-281-6337 / Donna 819-986-9359 or e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria: This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please be generous!

Did you know that in 1982, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada launched its first three-year mobilization and education campaign, entitled "Miltarization: Obstacle to Development?"

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Spring Supper: Spring is here and so are plans for this supper. More details to follow.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday **April 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL**, 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau. **Free parking available behind the Church and on the streets nearby.**

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher invites *ALL PARISHIONERS* to this celebration. The Oil for the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Holy Chrism consecrated. At the end of the Mass, the Archbishop will distribute the oils to representatives from the parishes and institutions where they will be used in the course of the year.

OLV Easter Flower Envelopes: Please use the envelope inserted in last week's bulletin. Donations will be accepted during the collections on March 26 and April 2. Tax receipts will be issued. Please help beautify our Church.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

The parishioners of the newly formed OLV immediately began to take the necessary steps to have their Church built. The property on Charles Street was purchased from the Town of Buckingham for \$1.00. (This had been the site of the Brisebois Hotel, which had burned down in the mid 1920's).

On October 13, 1942 the ground was broken by a crew and power shovel provided by the Electric Reduction Company. Digging was completed in three days, and the construction of the "Basement Church" began.

Once again because this was wartime, supplies were hard to obtain. Wooden pillars had to be used as steel ones were unobtainable but would be replaced with steel at a later date. The church bell was donated by the Town of Buckingham. The church was completed in April 1943 at a cost of about \$50,000.00!

The parishioners celebrated their first Mass on Christmas Eve in 1943.

It should be noted at this time, due to the generosity and determination of the parishioners, they were able to pay in full the construction of the basement church, the first rectory and deposit \$40,000.00 in the bank for the future construction of the upstairs church.